

Monthly Report Template for COMPETE Grantees

Grantee: FCI

Report for the month of: March 2011

The following is the summary of the activities carried out in the month of March 2011

Tharaka

Activities <i>Activities should be directly in-line with your grant agreement</i>	Activity Status <i>If the activity has been accomplished, please give results. If the activity has not been accomplished, please provide an explanation.</i>
<p>1. Conduct trainings on;</p> <p>Collective Marketing; Post harvest and Quality management (Marketing sub-committees, Commercial Village sub-committees and Warehouse management committees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize workshops and training forums • Collective Marketing; Post harvest and Quality management • Organize workshops and training forums • Community technical farmers (COTEFs) capacity building • Conduct training workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 COTEFs trained spreading over 25 groups{4 males & 13 females} • Issued trainers manuals together with other EAC grain standards materials • Explored the causes, dangers and prevention of Aflatoxin in order to manage quality • CPGs to be clustered into CVs to enhance collective marketing
<p>2. Grow awareness on storage infrastructures services provided by FCI and COMPETE and benefits of utilizing this infrastructures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtesy calls [MOA, Provincial administration/Counties, Local NGOs, Group reps] • Hold community forums / barazas and focused village meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 {11 males & 37}CPGs reps trained • 2 MOA() officers in attendance • Benefits accrued from collective action explored i.e. discounts • Explored the causes, dangers and prevention of Aflatoxin in order to manage quality • Issued EAC grain standards materials • Home based/traditional storage embraced
<p>3. EAC simplified grain standards materials for producers and traders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repackage the EAC Maize standards in simple and local languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 {13 males and 9 females}Lead farmers trained • Issued trainers manuals together with other EAC grain standards materials • Explored the causes, dangers and prevention

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOTs for EAC maize standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of Aflatoxin in order to manage quality The mobilized CPGs to be clustered into CVs to enhance collective marketing
<p>4. Grow awareness on storage infrastructures services provided by FCI and COMPETE and benefits of utilizing this infrastructures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership meetings [MOA, Provincial administration/Counties, Local NGOs, Group representatives] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visited Tharaka North District MOA offices on 23rd march to create awareness of what FCI is doing especially on storage & market linkages-met the deputy DAO Informed the local administration of our involvement with cereal farmers Has Partnered with RIDEK Kenya(NGO) to help reach out more farmers Group representatives training meeting in Tunyai (48 farmers in attendance) to help disseminate information down to the groups

Tigania East

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community leader's capacity building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held four community leaders training in Marega commercial village and trained leaders from the following groups: Ciamatha Shg, mutwiri farmers ,Kanja women group, Gachiongo mwichuri, bwana&eight , Marega Bore hole.
<p>2. Link input suppliers with commercial village producers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold field days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned for one field day in Mlango but has been postponed to 11th of April. Good partnership with MOA and we were involved in distribution of orphaned crop seed in the following

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective sourcing for inputs 	<p>commercial villages: Kaguata, Marega, Amatu, in the following groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mutwiri Farmers, Gachiongo Mwichuri, Kanja, Mutethia, King'o disability, Mutethia, Makena mwanika, Kamathi & Amuthetu mwichuri. Strengthened the partnership with Agro-solution Company which is to supply pulses farmers with Agro chemicals.
<p>3. Collection, bulking cleaning, sorting, drying, storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective bulking, sorting and quality control Increase sales Increase grain collectively bulked and stored Enhance record keeping Training on village stores management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held focus group discussions on adoption of Hermetic technology in storage with the following groups; Mutwiri farmers group, Igarii commercial village, Mutua mbaya farmers group these includes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mud hut Metal silos Cribs Introduced the use of hand shelling machines to the communities Promoted use of fertilizers in farming through practical trainings. Facilitated demonstration sessions to sensitize farmers on best use of dusting chemicals Trained 16 group leaders from the Tigania Central Division on : group leadership, documentation, commercial village model.

Tigania West

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<p>2. Collection, bulking cleaning, sorting, drying, storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective bulking, sorting and quality control Increase sales Increase grain collectively bulked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19.8 tonnes of maize have been bulked in Mbeu CV transitional store. 		

and stored • Enhance record keeping Training on village stores management			
3. Grain traders workshops on grain standards, specification and handling ▪ Organize and conduct workshops	• Held a workshop with 10 grain traders, Introduced them to FCI and CVS project. They agreed to form a trader's association and source their products from farmers groups we have formed.	6 Male	4 Female

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1. Conduct trainings on; Collective Marketing; Post harvest and Quality management (Marketing sub-committees, Commercial Village sub-committees and Warehouse management committees) • Organize workshops and training forums	Training farmers and group leaders on Post harvest management from- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nkachie Kithakanaro farmers group-15 Cpg leaders(10 men&5 women) Igokine Farmers-30 farmers(12men&13 women) Mwegeki commercial village 150(53men &97 women) Kiamurio destitute25(9 men&16 women) Nkachie Kithakanaro-71 farmers(42 women&32women) Mitunguu Commercial village-32 farmers(19 women&13 men) Kiamurio Cpg-51 farmers(31 women&20 men) Gaikiki cpg-42 farmers(23 women &19 men) Rwanda shg-42 farmers(18men &24 women) Guided 22 CPG leaders (12 male&10 women) on use of efficient methods, processes and strategies of Management. The CPGs leaders were taken through the right mix of planning, monitoring and controlling within their Cpgs in order to deliver high quality results. The leaders were also taken through Conflict management techniques and the best management techniques.
2. Collection, bulking cleaning, sorting, drying, storage • Collective bulking, sorting and quality control • Increase sales • Increase grain collectively bulked and stored • Enhance record keeping Training on village stores management	• Trainings on use of hermetic Technology in grain preservation to members of 4 commercial villages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitunguu Maraa Mwegeki Ndamene

<p>3. Grow awareness on storage infrastructures services provided by FCI and COMPETE and benefits of utilizing this infrastructures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership meetings [MOA, Provincial administration/Counties, Local NGOs, Group reps] <p>Hold community forums / barazas and focused village meetings</p>	<p>Strengthening of partnerships between FCI, Agro solutions MOA & Caritas.</p> <p>This was implemented through holding joint Trainings on Post harvest management at-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mweru chief's camp Ntakani primary school. Mitunguu grounds.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and demonstrations on use of mobile technology to get information on various market prices, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainings benefitted members of Rwompo Mamuru group.

Jinja

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<p>2. Conduct trainings on;</p> <p>Collective Marketing; Post harvest and Quality management (Marketing sub-committees, Commercial Village sub-committees and Warehouse management committees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize workshops and training forums Community technical farmers (COTEFs) capacity building Conduct training workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and sensation of TOTs and COTEFs per each sub county 23 TOTs, 18 male and 5 female were trained, Participants were;1 Agro dealer, 2 Active NGOs, 2 CDOs, 2 NAADs extension workers,2 MOA extension workers 91 COTEFs; 31 COTEFs, 19 male and 12 female were trained in Buyengo subcounty ,Participants were; Practicing Farmers, Sub county chiefs, chair persons local, committees and CVF 31 COTEFs, 24 male and 7 female were trained in Butagaya subcounty, 32 COTEFs, 21 male and 11 female in

	<p>Busede subcounty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have been trained and sensitized in all the three sub counties
<p>3. Selection of commercial village stores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stores identification and negotiation Stores branding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding of Stores/Cocoons • 4 model stores in each sub county have been identified and earmarked for branding
<p>4. Link input suppliers with commercial village producers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold field days Collective sourcing for inputs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated linkages to Agro dealers and organized training forums to expose communities to range of inputs available in the market as well as best pest management practices • Sensitization of farmers about benefits of planting quality seeds and good agronomic practices through on farm demonstrations